Development of Area Partnerships update noted.

13 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Development of Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund could be spent based on the opinions of many local citizens;

(2) of the initial workshops that had been held to involve officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, key stakeholders, people that need to be included and of the available resources;

(3) that a Steering Group and a Project Team had been established and 10 Community Councillors had been signed up to be “citizen designers”;

(4) of the high level initial structure for the system that had been created and that final recommendations would be made to roll out across the City in June 2023; and

(5) of a revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that would allow up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that information on the development would be provided to community council forums, who met frequently on Saturday mornings in City Chambers.